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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

NEW ROAD IS SEEN BY MR. SPROULE

Head Officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad Take Trip Over the C. & O. C. Line to Waters Creek

President Wm. Sproule and General Manager W. R. Scott, chief officials of the Southern Pacific system, were the guests of Grants Pass citizens for a few hours Saturday. The gentlemen were returning southward from Salem and Portland, where they had been attending the investigation conducted by the state public utilities commission, and stopped in this city upon invitation from the Commercial club. They had first been invited to be in Grants Pass during the progress of the county fair, but were unable to come at that time. They came by their own special train, arriving at about 10:30 o'clock, and were met upon their arrival by a number of citizens. The party then boarded the C. & O. C. train, which was standing at the waiting station, and went out to the sugar factory, which was inspected under the pilotage of Manager Alex Nibley. Then the train was run out to the Waters Creek terminal, returning to Grants Pass at 1:30. The guests were then tendered a luncheon at the club house on Washington boulevard by the C. & O. C. officials, a number of local men also being present. They departed for San Francisco at 2:40 o'clock.

The visitors were highly interested in the evidences of development which they found in the Grants Pass district, and were most complimentary regarding the railroad from Grants Pass to Waters Creek, both as to its physical excellence and the amount of traffic which was coming to it. At Waters Creek President Sproule inspected the ore in bins, and asked many questions concerning the mines at Takilma and at other points in the Illinois valley. Numerous ore and lumber hauling wagons and trucks were unloading at the time, while the siding held a number of carloads of ore, lumber and wood ready to haul to the city and to transfer to the Southern Pacific tracks for a much longer haul. As a feeder the new road is adding much revenue to the coffers of the Southern Pacific.

During the ride in from Waters Creek President Sproule talked most interestingly of the recent hearing conducted by the state commission concerning the car shortage in Oregon. For a week the shippers and the railroad officials had been giving

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BRITISH STILL WIN ON SOMME FRONT

London, Sept. 23.—The British drove forward along the highway leading to Bapaume last night, General Haig reported today. East of Courcellette a strongly fortified system of German trenches was captured on a half-mile front. The newly captured positions are linked with those captured between Fiers and Martinpuich in the previous night's assault.

In the two nights' fighting, the British line was pushed forward on a front of a mile and a half in the direction of Bapaume. The Germans emerged from their trenches near Thiepval and made violent attack west of Monquet farm. They were driven back with heavy losses.

SAMUEL GOMPERS.

Labor Federation Head Interested in Railroad Troubles.



Photo by American Press Association

STRIKE WILL BE ON TO A FINISH SAYS GOMPERS

Washington, Sept. 23.—The New York street car strikers and the 500,000 who will go out in sympathy next Wednesday will stay out all winter, if that is found necessary to win their fight for right to organize, according to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Gompers was in Washington after several days' conference in New York. Gompers declared today that organized labor throughout the nation has recognized in the New York situation one of the most vital turning points in the history of unionism. He said organized labor has therefore accepted the challenge and will back the New York workers to the last limits of its moral, physical and financial power.

"The New York street car fight is a fight for union recognition and the right of workers to organize," said Gompers today. "I am with these men, body and soul. Every union man in the United States is with them. We will all stand behind them in their fight for personal freedom in anything they do inside the law."

"It is the same old principle. Capital is highly organized. Labor wants to organize, but capital will not let the men do it. This is a great opportunity to prove that labor has equal rights with capital and is powerful enough to assert them."

HUGHES FAVORITE WITH ENGLISH BETTING BROKERS

London, Sept. 23.—The Maine election has made Hughes a slight favorite over Wilson in speculating by English insurance brokers, the Times said today.

Before the election wagers on Hughes were made at odds of one to three. Now Hughes is a favorite over Wilson at odds of 55 to 45.

FOUR HUNDRED SQUARE MILES OF TIMBER AFIRE

Calgary, Alberta, Sept. 23.—Four hundred square miles of timber in the Peace river country of northern Alberta are burning today. Large tracts in the Blueberry mountains west of the Spirit river district have been cleared by fire. Wild animals are scampering to safety before the fires, as a black cloud settles over the entire district.

FRISCO BOMB THROWER IS CONVICTED

Jury Finds Warren K. Billings Guilty of First Degree Murder for the Preparedness Parade Horror in July

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Warren K. Billings was found guilty late this afternoon of murder in the first degree in connection with the preparedness day parade outrage at Stewart and Market streets July 22, when ten persons were killed and half a hundred wounded.

The verdict was returned at 2:50 o'clock, in the court of Superior Judge Dunne.

Thomas Mooney and his wife, Rena Mooney; Israel Weinberg and Edward Nolan, charged with murder in connection with the same crime, are yet to be tried.

The clemency of the court was recommended, which means life imprisonment.

The verdict was a great surprise to the court attaches, who figured on Billings' acquittal because of his strongly supported alibi.

As soon as the verdict was read, radicals and others who have sympathized with Billings crowded around him, shaking his hands and patting him on the back.

Attorney McNutt, chief defense counsel, says Billings is the victim of a frame-up.

As yet Judge Dunne has not announced the time he will impose Billings' sentence. It is generally believed that he will follow the recommendation of the jurors and impose life imprisonment, owing to the circumstantial evidence upon which the entire case was based.

Petrograd, Sept. 23.—A Russian torpedo boat sank three Turkish ships and several sailing vessels loaded with coal at the port of Eregli, 128 miles east of Constantinople, it was officially announced today.

GREATEST AERIAL BATTLE OF WAR

Paris, Sept. 22.—French aviators took part in fifty-six air battles yesterday, bringing down ten enemy flyers; it was officially announced today. On perhaps no other day of the war has there been such great aerial activity.

Sergeant Baron dropped three shells on the military works at Ludwigshafen and three others on the munition works at Mannheim, causing a bad fire.

On the Somme front, French patrols which reached the southern edge of the town of Combes in yesterday's fighting, found numerous German corpses and took fifteen prisoners. The Germans defended themselves desperately in strongly fortified houses on the outskirts of the town and from strong underground defenses.

There was lively cannonading on the Somme front last night, but south of the river there were no infantry activities.

GERMANS CAPTURE DUTCH STEAMER PRINZ HENDRIK

The Hague, Sept. 23.—The Germans have captured the Dutch steamer Prinz Hendrik, bound from London to Flushing, and have taken her into Zeebrugge with her 80 passengers.

UNIONS OF N. Y. VOTING ON STRIKE

Metropolis Apprehensive As Date Nears When Walk-out Becomes Effective, and Industry May Be Stalled

New York, Sept. 23.—New York awaited with apprehension today the next turn in the labor war which threatens on next Wednesday, when the order for general "suspension of work" becomes effective to make the largest city of the world a city of dead industries.

Developments of the last 24 hours have injected much bitterness into the labor situation, developing the strike of surface, subway and elevated car men. The general strike order, as interpreted by union leaders today, is merely notice to the employers that union men will not ride to work on cars run by strikebreakers and guarded by the police; but, they assert, its effect will be a complete tie-up of industry in the greater city, through refusal to work of nearly 800,000 union members.

President Shontz of the Interborough, storm center in the labor fight, announced today that the policy of the company to deal with individual employees and not with unions or union leaders had not been altered.

"We are fully prepared for any emergency," he said. "Our policy will not be changed. The only question at issue is whether the individual is to be protected in his constitutional right to work under conditions satisfactory to himself individually."

Many unions will have to vote authorization of the strike, leaders admitted today, as not all leaders were delegated power to order a walkout. This balloting will begin today.

Shontz was under fire today for recommendations which he made in a circular addressed to the district attorney and to industrial members of the grand jury, urging that the grand jury, which is understood to

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PEACE PLANS ARE UPSET BY VILLA

New London, Conn., Sept. 23.—Carranza's apparent failure to direct an effective pursuit of the Villista forces that attacked Chihuahua City may radically affect the tentative plans of the Mexican-American peace conference for a border patrol. The commissioners had practically completed their work on a plan for border patrol when the Villistas struck. It called for co-operation by Mexican troops with General Pershing's forces in patrolling the border and was about ready for submission to Washington and Mexico City.

The Villa raid itself did not alter the plans of the conference, since the Villistas were beaten off with heavy losses, according to Carranzista reports. But the American commissioners did not believe that General Trevino, the Carranza commander at Chihuahua City, would start immediately in vigorous pursuit of Villa forces and disperse the bandits.

There has been no indication that this has been done. Trevino's failure to take the aggressive against the bandits has again raised the question as to whether Carranza is able to organize an effective patrol to suppress banditry, despite his promises.

The whole matter will be threshed out when General Bliss returns from Washington next week.

MRS. C. VANDERBILT.

Head of National Active Guard Service Auxiliary.



CONVICT KILLED BY GUARDS IN ESCAPE ATTEMPT

Salem, Sept. 23.—Prison guards today shot and killed Earl G. Love, a convict, as he attempted to escape. Love was being taken with other prisoners in an auto truck from the Oregon penitentiary to work in the flax fields. Near a bridge over Pudding river he jumped from the machine and ran. The guards were close behind in another motor. They opened fire. Two bullets crashed through the fugitive's body. He died a few minutes later.

Leland T. Murphy and P. G. Heath were said to be the marksmen who fatally wounded Love. He was hit while scrambling over a fence.

Love was serving from three to twenty years for assault on a girl, having been committed from Malheur county.

Prison officials declared Love tried to escape while in the county jail at Vale, Ore., by throwing red pepper in his keeper's eyes. He was also accused of being ringleader in a recent plot whereby the whole flax gang of the Oregon penitentiary was to get away. When that conspiracy was discovered, Love was searched and a dagger found in his possession. It was alleged he intended to stab a chauffeur of the prison motor truck just as it reached the crest of a hill and make a break for liberty while the machine ran away down grade.

LARGEST COPPER DEAL ON RECORD

New York, Sept. 23.—The British government, through J. P. Morgan & Company, its purchasing agent here, today contracted with American copper producers for 200,000 long tons, or 448,000,000 pounds, of copper, at a price slightly lower than 22 cents a pound. The purchase, involving a total of more than \$135,000,000, is the largest single transaction in the history of the American copper industry.

As the United States mines produced about 1,600,000,000 pounds of refined copper in 1915, the British purchase represents about one-fourth of a year's output. Delivery is called for in about equal amounts over the first six months of next year.

ZEPPELINS AGAIN RAID LONDON

One Giant Air Craft Is Destroyed, According to the Official Report, Though Many Bombs Are Dropped

London, Sept. 23.—It is officially announced that one Zeppelin engaged in the raid over the west coast tonight was destroyed, and it is reported that a second one was brought down. General French announced early in the evening that a raid was in progress along the west coast, with the air fleet approaching London when the official announcement was issued. The Zeppelins were dropping many bombs.

CARRANZA SENDS CAVALRY TO JUAREZ

Juarez, Mex., via El Paso, Sept. 23.—The Carranzista garrison here is being heavily reinforced today. Three train loads of cavalry from Chihuahua City and points south detrained and went into camp this morning. These additions to the forces already here are believed to have been prompted by the threat of Villa that he "would drive the Carranzistas now at Juarez into the Rio Grande river."

Rumors of an impending attack swept over Juarez last night, following the discovery that a bridge six miles south of here on the Mexican Central railway was blown up Thursday by a small party of bandits.

According to arrivals from the south, Villa forces are now encamped only 22 miles outside of Chihuahua City, where they have been since they left the city after their attack Saturday.

Passenger service between Juarez and Chihuahua City which was discontinued yesterday by order of the Carranza military authorities here, had not been resumed early today. Authorities refused to explain why the order was issued, declaring it came from Carranza.

Gonzales, Carranza commander here, has posted a decree that any civilian found with arms or ammunition on his person or in his home, will be summarily executed without the formality of a trial. This action was taken for the purpose of preventing sniping by sympathizers in case of an attack, as was done at Chihuahua in last Saturday's attack.

WORLD'S SERIES PICTURE RIGHTS TO SELIG COMPANY

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Exclusive moving picture rights for the world's series have been granted to the Selig Polyscope company, according to a statement made today by W. N. Selig, president of the company, upon receipt of a telegram from Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball commission, announcing that Selig was the successful bidder.

A consideration approximating \$25,000 was included in the successful bid for the exclusive rights for filming the big series.

Pictures will be taken of every important play in each of the games that will decide the world's championship.

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 23.—President Wilson has accepted invitations to speak at Omaha, Neb., on October 5 and at Indianapolis on October 12.